

REMARKS

Claims 74 and 77 have been amended. The Application contains claims 74-84. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the original claims and other claims in this application and in other applications.

The disclosure stands objected to based on the informality that the patent number of related application no. 10/317,106 (referred to in the CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS) be provided. Pursuant to the Examiner's request, the specification has been amended to include the patent number (i.e., 6,717,873) and issue date (i.e., December 12, 2002) of cross referenced application no. 10/317,106. Applicants respectfully submit that the objection should be withdrawn.

Claims 74 and 77 stand objected to based on informalities. Specifically, the Office Action requests that in claim 74, the phrases "a third section signal node" and "a fourth global signal node" should be changed to --a section signal node-- and --a global signal node--, respectively. In addition, the Office Action has requested that in claim 77, the phrases "disposed proximate a first side" and "disposed proximate a second side" be changed to --disposed proximate to a first side-- and --disposed proximate to a second side--, respectively.

Pursuant to the Examiner's requests, claims 74 and 77 have been amended. The concerns raised in the Office Action have been addressed by these amendments. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the objections be withdrawn and claims 74 and 77 allowed.

Claims 74-81 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-16 of U.S. Patent No. 6,717,873. The rejection is respectfully traversed. Pursuant to the

Examiner's request, a Terminal Disclaimer complying with 37 C.F.R. 1.321(c) is being filed concurrently with this Amendment. Accordingly, the rejection should be withdrawn and claims 74-81 placed in immediate condition for allowance.

Claims 82-84 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,717,873 in view of Inaba et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,610,868). As set for above, Applicants are filing a Terminal Disclaimer complying with 37 C.F.R. 1.321(c) with respect to commonly-owned U.S. Patent No. 6,717,873. As such, the double patenting rejection should be withdrawn and claims 82-84 allowed.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

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